

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell, which is a partial salt of a heteropolyacid including a noble metal and/or a transition metal and having a molecular weight of 800 to 10000,

wherein the partial salt of a heteropolyacid is a partial salt with an alkali metal selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, and combinations thereof and wherein at least one atom of the noble metal and/or a transition metal is substituted in a skeleton of the heteropolyacid.

2. (Original) The solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the noble metal is at least one selected from the group consisting of Ru, Rh, Pd, Ag, Ir, Pt and Au, and the transition metal is at least one selected from the group consisting of Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Ta and W.

3. (Previously presented) The solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the heteropolyacid catalyst further comprises a partial salt of a heteropolyacid with an alkali earth metal, an organic ammonium ion, and combinations thereof.

4. (Original) The solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the heteropolyacid is a polyacid having the Keggin structure, the Anderson structure or the Dawson structure.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell according to claim [[5]] 1, wherein the atom of the noble metal is one selected from the group consisting of Ru, Rh, Pd, Ag, Ir, Pt and Au.

7. (Previously Presented) An electrode for a fuel cell characterized in that the solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell according to claim 1 is held on a surface of a carbon electrode.

8. (Previously Presented) An electrode for a fuel cell characterized in that a mixture of the solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell according to claim 1, conductive powder and a binder is molded.

9. (Original) The electrode for a fuel cell according to claim 8, wherein the conductive powder is carbon powder or metal powder.

10. (Original) The electrode for a fuel cell according to claim 8, wherein the binder is an organic polymer binder and/or an inorganic binder.

11. (Previously Presented) The solid heteropolyacid catalyst for a fuel cell according to claim 3, wherein the heteropolyacid catalyst further comprises a cation insoluble in water.